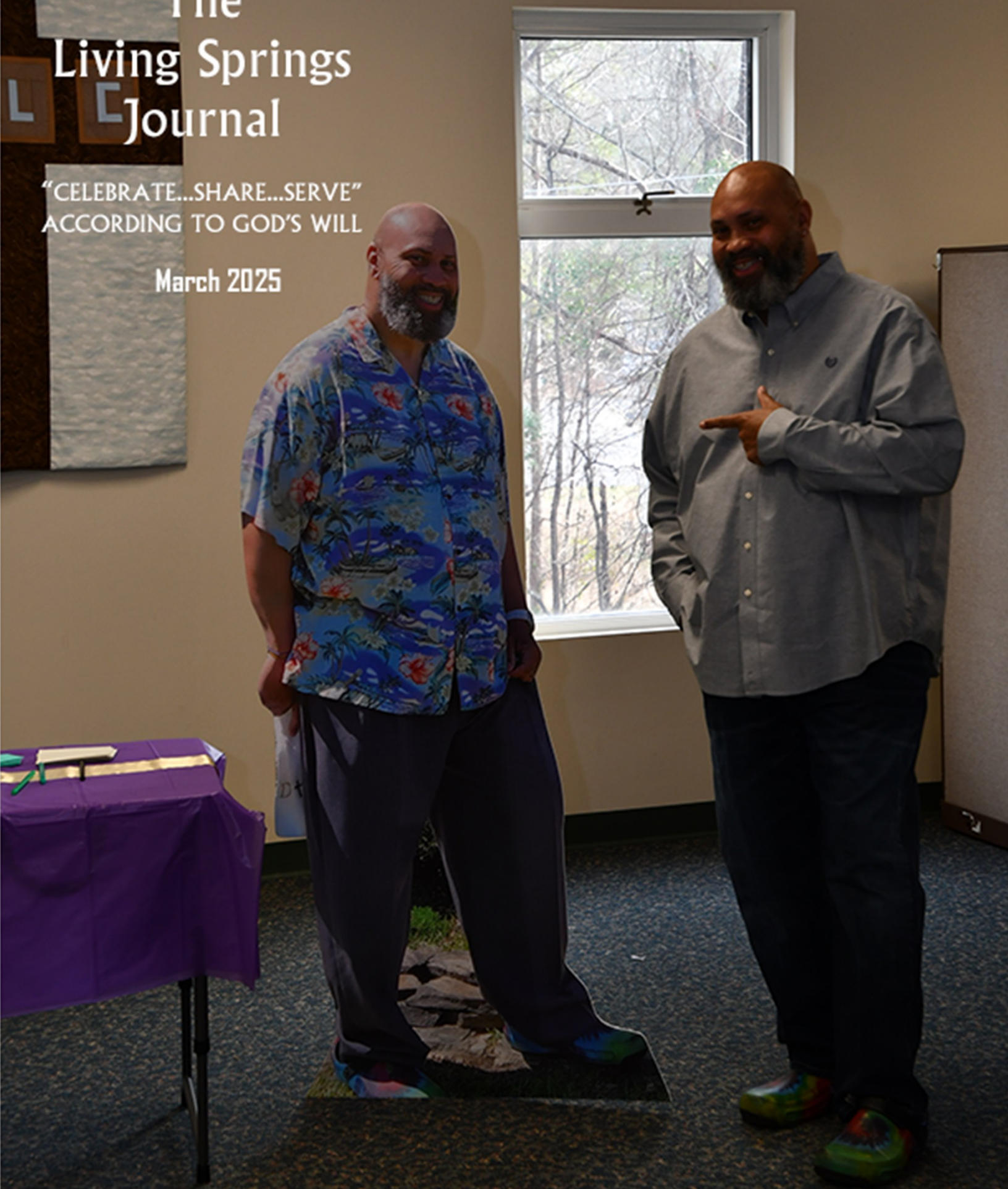


# The Living Springs Journal

"CELEBRATE...SHARE...SERVE"  
ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL

March 2025



# "Reflecting the Light...Beyond: Reflecting the Cross!" (from Pr. Eric)

March "STREAMS OF LIGHT" Bible Focus: Luke, chapters 5-18  
 \* Ministry of Jesus - Disciples & Followers \*  
 Pastor Study Time: Wednesday, 3/26 @ 10:30  
 Reading/Discussion Online Postings: Wednesdays @ Noon

Growing up a baseball fan, I was excited to hear that Spring Training had begun. It was a time of hope for me and all the fans of teams who had said, "Wait 'til next year!" It meant players were showing up to camp, getting back into shape, honing their skills, developing team chemistry, and working on fundamentals of the game that would prepare them for the long baseball year ahead (to hopefully provide some joy for those who had languished in disappointment the previous season!)

Each year, as disciples of Jesus, we have our own "spiritual Spring training," the 40-day season of Lent from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (this year, March 5—April 19). It is a special Spirit-filled time for us to hone our spiritual skills and work on faith fundamentals to prepare us for the full life of discipleship. We do so via:

- **intentional times of devotion, Scripture-reading & prayer;**
- **extra times of weekly worship & Bible study;**
- **acts of sacrificial giving & service to share hope with others.**

On page 2, you will see our Lenten opportunities: "Life Renewed" daily devotional books; 1:13 Prayer Alerts; Wednesday evening & noon worship times; Sunday "Cross" Bible study; Friday fish fry for Campus Ministry; 40x40 Giving mini-buckets; World Hunger 40-day giving calendars; and more. Imagine showing up for spring training as a player and being handed your training schedule—that is one way to think of all these Lenten opportunities! It is

**Ash**  
**Wednesday**  
**March 5**

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*We begin the  
 Lenten journey!*

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## PASTOR CARL FAREWELL & GODSPEED!

**Drop-In Cong. & Public Reception**

**Sunday, March 9, 12-2pm**

**\*Godspeed Blessing & Recognition during worship**

After the Godspeed Blessing during worship, there will be a drop-in reception in the fellowship hall w/ light refreshments. We will send invitations to local churches, etc. Please spread the word to family & other community members who may wish to come speak to Pastor Carl.

**Godspeed Card, Offering, and Note Basket**

**From Feb. 23 – March 9,**

We will have a large "Godspeed" board here at church for everyone to sign. There will also be a basket for personal cards/notes. If you would like to contribute to our gratitude gift for Pastor Carl, donations can be placed in the offering (payable to Living Springs, marked "PC love offering") or made via Givelify.

## Youth/Cong. "PC Roast" & Potluck





**"Reflecting the Light ...  
 Beyond!"**

**2025 Ministry Focus Kickoff**  
**Sunday, March 16**  
**Congregation Gathering @ 9:20**  
**Worship @ 8:15 & 10:30**

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY, MARCH 2**  
 Rite of Confirmation—Addi & Teagan!  
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**1st SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 9**  
 Pastor Carl Godspeed Blessing & Reception  
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**"REFLECTING THE LIGHT" SUNDAY, MARCH 16**  
 Congregation Gathering, 9:20-10:15  
 Kickoff & Monthly "Streams of Light" Worship Skit  
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**CAMP SUNDAY & JUSTICE BLESSING, MARCH 23**  
 Welcome Lutheridge folks!  
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**CAMPUS MINISTRY SUNDAY, MARCH 30**  
 Welcome Pastor Jesse Caniff-Kuhn!  
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**Other Opportunities for Reflecting the Light:**  
 CRISTO REY MINISTRY - March 2  
 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEAL - March 20  
 SUNDAY BACKPACKS - March 23  
 PALMETTO PLACE MEAL - March 27  
 MEALS-ON-WHEELS - Mon & Tue  
 NA RECOVERY GROUP - Mon & Thurs

# Lent 2025: Reflecting the Cross

## ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5



We begin the Lenten journey with Jesus ... that leads us to the cross of love!

**Worship @ Noon & 6:30 (6:30 also livestreamed)**

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

**"Ashes-to-Go"**

**7:30-10:00 & 4:30-6:00, LS Parking Lot**

**9:00-10:30 & 4:30-6:00, Lake Carolina**

## SHROVE TUESDAY

March 4

*Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Dinner*



**PANCAKE SUPPER, 5:30-6:40**  
**BURNING OF PALMS AT 6:45**

All donations will benefit LS Youth.

Come pick up your Lenten Devotional Book and Lenten Key Tag. Brief outdoor "Burning of Palms" will take place at 6:45 (ashes used for Ash Wednesday).

## LENTEN EVENING WORSHIP:

*"Reflecting the Cross"*

**6:30 in the Sanctuary (also livestreamed)**

**March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9**

*Evening Dramatic Reflections:*

**Stephen the Martyr, Paul the Apostle,**

**Lydia the Merchant, Young Timothy, Mother Teresa**

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**ALSO, LENTEN MID-DAY PRAYER WORSHIP...**

**Wednesdays, 12:00 - 12:25 (communion offered afterward)**



## SPECIAL PASTOR

**LENTEN STUDY**

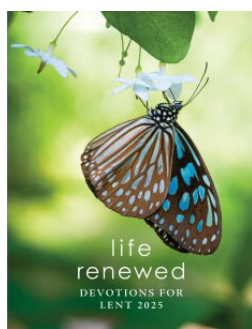
**Sundays, 9:20-10:15**  
**(between worship)**

**March 9,**  
**16\*, 23, 30**  
**April 6, 13**

**"Making  
Sense of the  
Cross"**



\*Mar. 16—cong. gathering



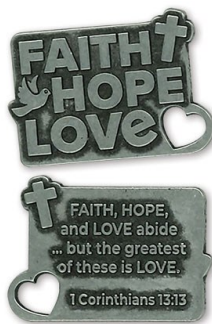
## Daily Lenten Devotions & Key Tags

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**1:13 Daily Prayer Alerts**

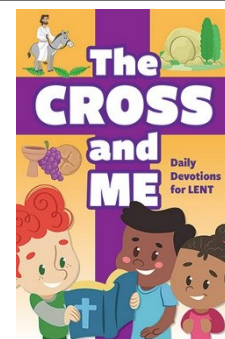
*(1 Corinthians 13...*

*"the greatest of these is love")*



## Children/ Family Devotional Booklets

**"The Cross & Me"**



## FRIDAY "FISH FRY" - Kurt's Kitchen Catering Truck

**LS Parking Lot & Fellowship Hall, 5:00-7:00 PM**

**March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11**

**\$4000 goal for USC Campus Ministry! Dessert Donations/Volunteers Needed!**

**40 X 40**

**Give ~~Up~~ Something = \$1600 goal**

**Lutheran Services  
"New Americans"  
Refugee Families**

GOAL #1) 40 mini-buckets x \$40 = \$1600 in coins/dollars or FoodLion/Walmart/gas cards  
GOAL #2) 40 "American Friend" companions

## "40 Days of Giving" Hunger Calendars

We invite you to study, pray, reflect and give during

**ELCA World Hunger's  
40 Days of Giving**

for families, neighbors & communities around the world.



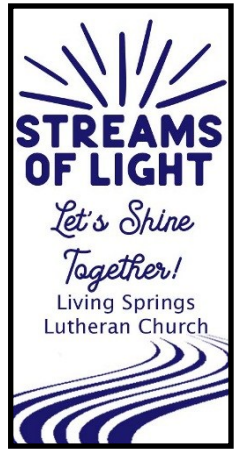
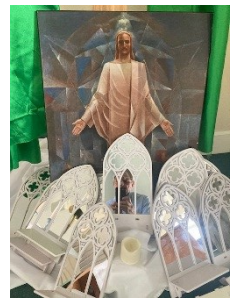
our **disciple spring-training schedule**, for routines that help shape us with fundamentals needed for daily life as followers of Jesus—taking us into deeper habits of prayer, worship, study, giving, and service!

This year, during Lent at Living Springs, we have **Kickoff Sunday on March 16** to uplift our 2025 LS Ministry Focus, "Reflecting the Light ... Beyond!" Just like athletes go through spring training in hope to bring joy to fans, we too go through our Lenten spring training with a larger purpose in mind: to prepare ourselves as Christ's team who will work together to **"reflect the light of Jesus... beyond ourselves"** - and thus bring hope-filled joy to those around us who suffer or languish in disappointments of life in a broken world. We will do this in direct ways... via our 40x40 Lenten drive for Lutheran Services refugee families, via 40 days of Hunger giving, via volunteering at Friday Fish Fry's to help touch the lives Lutheran Campus Ministry students. But equally as important, via added times of worship, study, prayer, and devotion, we prepare ourselves to be well-prepared, well-trained disciples who will reflect the light of Jesus by being filled even more fully with the abundance of God's grace shown for us on the cross (even to the point of overflowing for others!), by coming to deeper understandings of Jesus' cross-shaped way of life, by seeing in Jesus' cross the ultimate truth that the greatest of all things is love! *In this disciple-spring-training season of Lent, we are thus equipped to "reflect the light of Jesus...beyond" by more fully embracing the call to "reflect the cross!"*

**LENT PROVIDES... extra routines that shape us with fundamentals needed for daily life as followers of Jesus—taking us into deeper habits of prayer, worship, study, giving & service!**

We have so much to celebrate here in the month of March. I look forward to being with all of you on Transfiguration Sunday (March 2) to celebrate the Rite of Confirmation for Addi & Teagan. I look forward to being with all of you on the 1st Sunday in Lent, March 9, as we celebrate Pastor Carl's ministry among us. I look forward to being with all of you on March 16 for our "Reflect the Light" kickoff Sunday, and... I look forward to being with all of you as we report together for this 2025 Spring Training called Lent!

May the Spirit truly inspire us with the Cross of Jesus, *Pastor Eric*



## 2024-25 LIVING SPRINGS MINISTRY FOCUS

*Grounded in worship, we are disciples joyfully sharing our resources and celebrating Jesus' message of **Good News of God's grace for all!** We lift up these areas of Ministry Focus to **Reflect God's Light...Beyond:***



- PROVIDING SAFE SPACES FOR LISTENING AND ATTENDING TO one another & the larger community... especially in areas of mental-emotional wellness.**
- MINISTERING TO, AND PARTNERING WITH, OUR NEIGHBORS to serve others and offer hope... through feeding ministries, justice ministry, and other crisis ministries.**
- OFFERING LIFE-SHAPING FAITH FORMATION for all ages... through multiple, creative opportunities to worship and learn - with special emphasis on children, youth, and families, including LS Child Development Center.**
- INVITING/WELCOMING/CELEBRATING everyone in God's diverse Kingdom garden... all beautifully created in God's image!**



## Notes from: *Emotional - Mental Wellness*

### Navigating the Mental Health System

*\*If you weren't able to attend, you can watch at:*

[youtu.be/tqMARkeuEuM](https://youtu.be/tqMARkeuEuM)

Even though our state and community offer a wide range of services to aid people in need of mental health care, many of us do not know these programs are available or, if we do, we do not know how to take advantage of them. Last Sunday, your Mental Health and Emotional Wellness Team hosted a program entitled "Navigating the Mental Health System." Abby Cobb, R2 Social Work Director and Broderick Anderson, Columbia-Area Mental Health Center, SC Dept of Mental Health, offered insights and answered questions about how we can access the mental and emotional health care programs in our area.



# God's Corner



We have received a gift from Living Springs to the S.C. Synod in honor of Deacon Lexanne Graves in thanksgiving for her service as S.C. Synod Vice President and for her valuable ministry at Living Springs. We appreciate your council's and congregation's faithful stewardship and generosity. Living Springs' gift in the amount of \$3,786.14 has been designated according to your wishes.

May God continue to bless your lives in Christ .

The Rev. Virginia S. Aebischer, Bishop ELCA South Carolina Synod

Thank you for your gift to Newberry College. Your generous support provides immediate, meaningful impacts on our students, including scholarships, innovative programs, dedicated services, and much more. You are the reason Newberry college is consistently, regionally ranked for value and social mobility. And nothing we do could be possible without you. Gift received of \$500 for Campus Ministry in support of The Wolves Pantry. Thank you again for your commitment to Newberry College.

Bill Nash  
Newberry College Institutional Advancement

Saints of Living Springs,

Thank you for your kind donation to Lutheran Disaster Response Carolinas. We are beyond grateful for your gift (\$1,200). Your donation will go to support those within both Carolinas who have been affected by Hurricane Helene.

With Thanks and blessings,

Rev. Emily Lemoine  
LDR Carolinas Administrator



## Notes from: *Fellowship & Mutual Care*

### Scholarship Auction/Chili Cookoff



# Notes from: *Living Springs Child Development Center*

## From Tammy Mancuso, Director

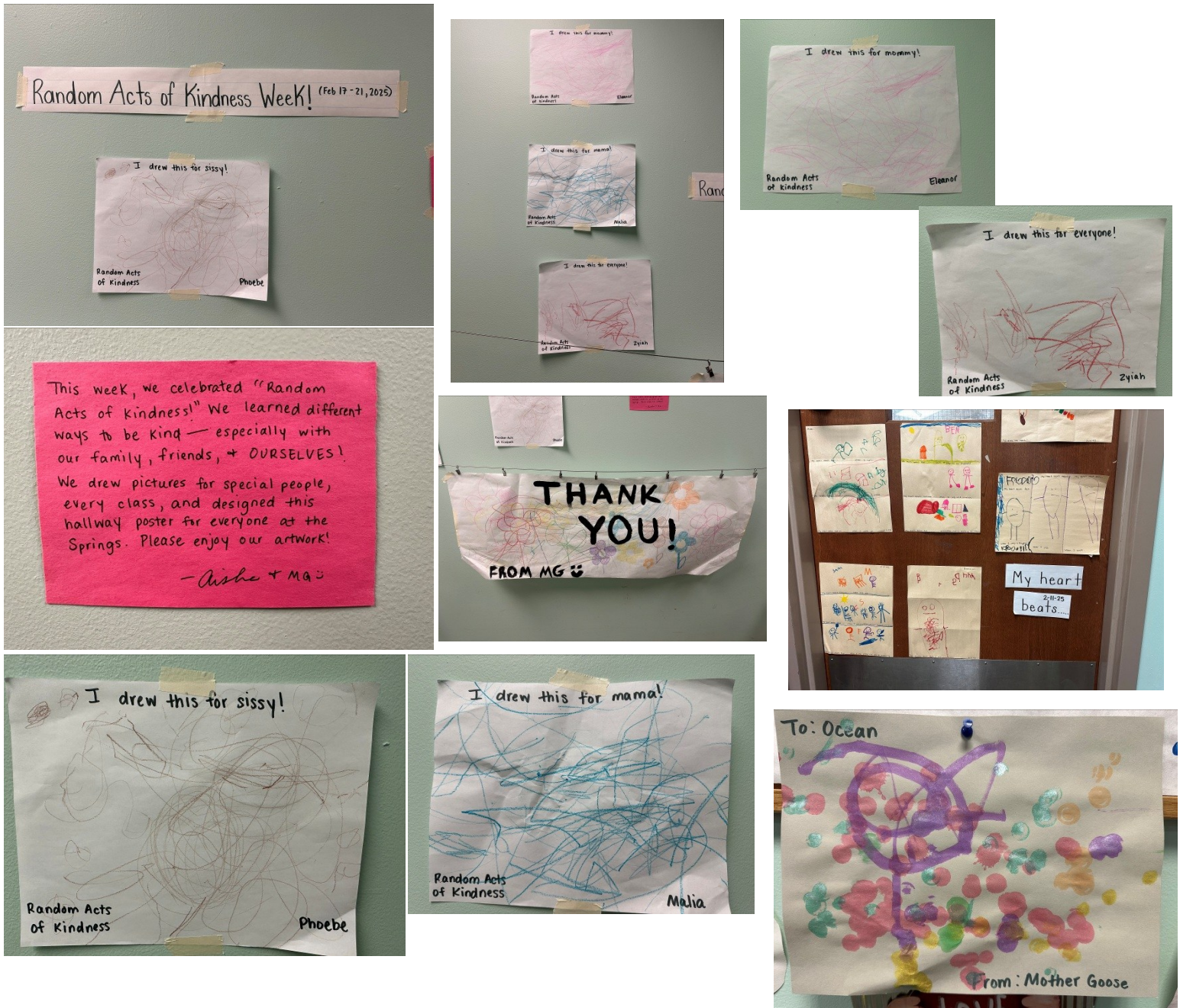
Hello everyone,

As we head into Lent, we are grateful to welcome the sun and a few warmer days to remind us of the Light of God's Love that shines in and through us all.

Many may be feeling overwhelmed with all that is happening in the world. A few of the ways we are shining God's light through our CDC School and community are, sending notes of Love to our friends at The Rice Estates, our toddlers creating art for the hallway, special people in their lives and the other classrooms as a way to show "Random acts of kindness". Also, our 4's/5's year old classroom made "My heart beats...." Posters talking about how their hearts beat when doing certain activities.

There are so many opportunities to shine God's light to each other in our everyday lives. We can lend a helping hand to a friend who may need it, share a smile with someone who may be feeling down or struggling, and donating to a drive to help people/families in our community, or just something as simple as saying "Thank you".

Wishing you well, Tammy



## Notes from: *Hope Ministry*

### LENTEN FISH FRY

I went to a 60th birthday party - didn't know anyone else there - but introducing myself, I explained my relationship to the birthday girl. Our conversation immediately went to ... oh, you're from the church that does the fish fry??? ... and give out t-shirts!!! Are you doing it again this year? And oh, those desserts were soooo good! OF COURSE! It's our way of showing support for the Gamecock Campus Ministry. This was the result of the birthday girl communicating to her fellow co-workers about our Lenten Fish Fry - can you spread the word also?

Kurts Kitchen, a local food truck, is our vendor this year. Starting Friday, March 7 from 5 pm to 7 pm, you can drive-thru and get a choice of fish with fries, shrimp w/fries, or chicken tenders/w fries plus one side (okra, coleslaw or extra fries) - for \$14. Weather permitting, we'll have picnic tables outside or eat in the Fellowship Hall. Try one of our handmade desserts for an extra fee and don't forget to get your Thrivent t-shirt!

March 28, the campus ministry students will be helping and sharing their stories - come out and meet them and show your support!

### BACKPACK FOOD MINISTRY

March, April, May - that's how many months are left to do our backpacks for Rice Creek, Joseph Keels, Blythewood Academy, and Muller Rd. If you are shopping for your weekly groceries, pick up an item (just one is a help), so we can keep this meaningful ministry going. Each week the social workers pick up their bags and emphasize how thankful and appreciative they are for our support. Most of us can't understand what hunger is when we have a pantry and refrigerator to go to, to satisfy our pangs or urges. Maybe a good Lenten project?

### PALMETTO PLACE & CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Palmetto Place, Samantha House, which houses adults that have left the unaccompanied youth house (The Oaks) are so appreciative of our once-a-month meal we provide - meat, starch, veggie or salad and a dessert. If you would like to participate, contact Karen Kranz - the meal is delivered on the 4th Thursday of the month - March 27. They are so excited that we do this, last month Samantha Gamble-Hart MHA, Community Outreach Coordinator visited on the 4th Thursday to get our picture for their newsletter.



Children's Hospital lunches are provided on the 3rd Thursday - Travis & Melanie Mooney of Carolina Deli, walk the lunches over to the 5th floor of Children's Hospital where parents & staff can take the burden of a meal off their plate. If you would like to donate to this ministry, indicate "children's hospital meal" on your envelope.

### BUD VASES



Mother's Day & Father's Day will be coming up - if anyone or if you know of anyone that has single bud vases that are sitting in a cupboard going unused, it would help defray our costs of having to purchase them. **Only** single bud vases please - leave them in the small kitchen.

CAB is grateful for all the support from Living Springs and its members. This past year, YOU and CAB have:

- Given out over 158,009 pounds of food, ensuring that families did not go hungry.
- Helped 76 families stay in their homes with rent assistance.
- Kept the lights on and water running for 194 families.
- Provided critical support for 38 families facing unexpected financial challenges.

Directly impacted over 1,013 households, encompassing more than 2,983 individuals.

THANK YOU! Your gifts are not just numbers--they are meals shared, bills paid, and hope restored. THANK YOU!



# LS LENTEN 40X40 "REFLECT GOD'S LIGHT" DRIVE

## Lutheran Services New Americans Ministry

**GOAL #1: Mini-Bucket Collection:** We invite you to take home a Lenten mini-Bucket. Add coins/dollars each day during Lent (\$1 per day = \$40); or, fill your bucket with Food Lion card(s), Wal-Mart card(s), gas card(s). *\*\*Gift cards can also be placed in the offering plate anytime throughout Lent (or brought to the office).* Food Lion cards provide groceries. Wal-Mart cards assist in work shoes, clothing, school supplies, etc. Gas cards help with transportation to work, training, doctor's appointments, etc.



**CHALLENGE GOAL #2: 40 Living Springs folks to serve as an "American Friend."** An "American Friend" volunteers about 4 total hours per month with a family, to help with basic understandings of how things work here and, more importantly, be a friendly face/voice to let the family know they are welcomed and loved.



*\*\*Over the past years, we have been blessed to partner with Lutheran Services Carolinas in welcoming many refugee families forced to flee difficult, violent situations across the world (many who have been supportive of American troops, etc.). We have greeted them at the airport with our buses, quilts, pew bears & welcome signs from our CDC children. In the current environment, these families who have done everything legally are now being mistakenly categorized and mis-labeled. Funding uncertainty has created a massive burden in providing even basic life-necessities for these families during their initial time of transition, as they acclimate to a new society, receive job training, move toward self-sufficient housing/income, etc.*

### Stuff-a-Bus



### Rice Estate Dinner "Happy Birthday" Theme





## Notes from: *Justice Ministry*

March is an important month for getting ready for the **Nehemiah Action Monday, May 12th at 6 pm**. For newcomers to the LS Justice Ministry, the MORE Justice Nehemiah Action is the highlight of our Justice year when we go with hundreds of people of faith to ask our public officials to make changes that will make Columbia a better place for all of our neighbors. We are working to address problems with food access, neighborhood gun violence, and affordable housing.

In February we met with our MORE Justice faith neighbors in the Northeast – Rehoboth Baptist, Adams NE, and St. John Neumann –to hear updates about the issues we are working on. Take a look at the video and hear what we are doing in each problem area. Our own Gwen Furcron (Living Springs Lutheran Church) talks about our food justice campaign. Rev. James Woodley (Gill Creek Baptist Church) discusses gun violence and safety, and Father Sandy McDonald (St. John Neumann Catholic Church) highlights affordable housing. [NMT2 Issue Update Video.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

In February we also continued meeting with other agencies and groups working on these same problem areas. MORE Justice met with our own Living Springs' member Deborah DePaoli of the Institute for Child Success. Deborah helped deepen our understanding of how housing instability disproportionately harms young children, especially Black babies and toddlers in our community. A new study shows that about a quarter of Black infants and toddlers in rental households face the threat of eviction in a typical year. South Carolina has especially high eviction rates, driven by the fact that it is one of the least expensive states to file an eviction. Efforts are being made to seal eviction records to help break the cycle of housing insecurity, giving families a better chance of securing stable housing rather than being locked out of the rental market due to past hardships.

Mark your calendars now for the Nehemiah Action! Invite others to join you at the Action that night. Our goal is to bring others with us so that "People Power" can make a difference in Columbia. Together we can heed God's call in Micah 6:8: "What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God."



## Notes from: *Mission Partnership Team*

### **LS Ministries with Cristo Rey! Sunday, March 2 @ 4:15pm**

We provide a Bible lesson, crafts, singing, and snacks for the children of our Mission Partner, Cristo Rey, in W. Columbia. We have team leaders, but 5-6 helpers are needed, plus a snack for up to 20 children. Volunteers meet at LS at 4:15 and carpool. The children speak English, so Spanish is not a requirement.



## Notes from: *Lifelong Discipleship*

Adult Sunday School



Faith Friends

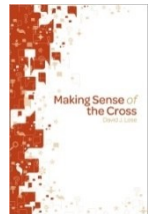


Nowell and Helen are Faith Friends and enjoyed God's creation last Friday at the Zoo.

### **SPECIAL SUNDAY MORNING LENTEN SUNDAY** *"Reflecting the Cross", 9:20-10:15, starting March 9*

During Lent, we often think about "giving up" something. Why not "give" something that will bring joy & meaning in your life? Give an extra 55 minutes on Sunday morning to strengthen your understanding and passion for the fullness of Jesus's love for you, reflected in the Cross! Between worship-stay late or come early! Note: on March 16, we'll take a break for the "Reflect God's Light" congregation gathering at 9:20.

*\*It's not necessary, but if you would like your own \$15 copy of the book, "Making Sense of the Cross," we will be placing a group order. You can sign up for the book at the welcome table (or call the office). Also, a \$13 Kindle version is available via Amazon.*



### ***"Streams of God's Light ... Shining through the Clouds"***

**March Reading Focus:**  
***Gospel of Luke, chapters 5-18***  
*Ministry of Jesus: Disciples & Followers!*



***In these stories, where do you see a whole spectrum of God's light shining through the clouds of life's challenges? How does that bring encouragement for you in your life and/or the world today?***

# Notes from: *Worship & Music Ministry*

## Boy Scout Sunday



## Streams of Light Skit



## Pew Bear Blessing



## G.I.F.T. Experience



## **Worship Helpers Refresher/Training Session**

*First Sunday of the month after each service*

This is an invite to all disciples of Living Springs. Shine your light by participating in a role - Usher, Lector, Assisting Minister, Welcome Table, Communion Assistant, Acolyte, Crucifer, Parking Lot Usher, Counter Volunteer, Altar Guild, Coffee & Refreshment. Training will be offered the first Sunday of the month after each service in the sanctuary and will include help with the Ministry Scheduler Pro app (our scheduling program). For more info, see Jim Zieche or Karen Kranz.



## **LS Good News "Streams of God's Light" Bible Story Project**

*Catch this month's stories in our YouTube "Streams of God's Light" Playlist*

*"Asking for Help" read by Dea Jones*

*"Loving Your Enemies" read by Dawn Willingham*

*"Letter from Birmingham Jail" read by Wayne Kannaday*

*"The Three Dimensions of a Complete Life"*

*read by Hunter Prest*

*"I've Been to the Mountaintop" read by Ena Hagon*



Each Wednesday, a Bible story from our focus will be read along with sharing from our pastors, deacon, and possibly some of our worshippers. The reading will be streamed on our Facebook and YouTube Channels. By sharing, that story will get to someone who may need to hear it and possibly never heard that story before! We can all be a part

## Notes from: *Women's Ministry*

### LS Care Card Ministry

Interested in helping keep the Card Ministry going? A group is getting together to learn more about how make the cards.

Laura Turnmire will go over stamping cards on **March 22nd at 10am**. She hopes to have some items cut out, and ready to make some card in an assembly line. The plan is to get a bunch done.

If you have Cricut Design Studio (access would be great, too), please bring your laptop Sunday.

And a big Thank you for Sue Marvel for giving a Cricut Maker 3 to the church.

Please contact Laura Turnmire if you have any questions on either date.

### LADIES BOOK CLUB

Our next read is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. There have been good comments from those that have read it, so we are excited about discussing it! **NOTE:** there has been a change in the date because there is a conflict with the MORE Justice Rally - **Monday, April 14** at 7 pm at Karen Kranz's home, 235 Founders Ridge Rd. ph: 716.998.1157.



### SAVE THE DATE!

Women's Fall Retreat at Camp Kinard - **October 17 - 19, 2025**. Ladies - put it on your calendar! Details on our theme, cost, deposit and other information will be forthcoming.

### SC Women of the ELCA ISLE OF PALMS RETREAT May 16 - 18, 2025 Cafe Chocolat



Looking for time away from the business of life?

Time to relax with friends, share laughs, stories, and a few bites of chocolate?

Well, you've come to the right place! Here at Cafe Chocolat, we'll enjoy time with each other as we delight in God's grace.

Cafe Chocolat is a retreat where women slow down and enjoy time with other women and with God. It's an in-depth Bible study, and unforgettable worship experience, and an open invitation for women to delight in God's goodness and grace.

To registration and pay by mail, click this link. [REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Use this QR Code to register for Isle of Palms and pay online!



## Notes from: *Men's Ministry*



**Men in Action: save the date. Booked tubing for this summer. August 2nd. 30 already paid for based on our credit from last year! Contact Bob or Marshall, for info to come**

# Notes from: *Sr. Youth*

## Sr. Youth Ski Trip



## Souper Bowl of Caring



## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Last year, Thrivent donated \$31.4M to causes our members care about.

Your recommendations tell us which nonprofits, including churches, should receive these funds.

**Make your voice heard this year - check your Thrivent account to donate Choice Dollars to a charitable organization of your choice.**

We'll make Choice Dollars available for you to direct periodically over the calendar year, depending on your contract type(s). Help support the causes you care about by directing Choice Dollars to one or more of the nonprofits in the Thrivent Choice catalog.

# God At Work

## Parking Lot



Three generations praising God — Marilee, Blakey, and Barbara.

## Boy Scout Food Drive

Boy Scout Troop 737 collected 8500 units of food to help benefit three different Food Pantry ministries! Backpack ministry, NorthStar Food Pantry, and the Keep'n it real Food Pantry!!

This is the 5th year that Boy Scout Troop 737 has partnered with the Backpack Ministry and NorthStar Food Pantry to help feed underserved families in our local community!!

Thanks to Living Springs for sponsoring our Troop and helping us to have a place to meet and continue serving the community!!



## Opportunities Outside Living Springs



ELCA World Hunger

Despite changes to humanitarian aid, ELCA World Hunger is steadfast.

For over 50 years, ELCA World Hunger has worked to end hunger, connecting people with food, health care, job opportunities, clean water and education. U.S. foreign aid is shifting constantly, and we're already seeing the impacts in Tanzania and South Sudan. But ELCA World Hunger stands with the individuals and communities it serves.

**Our call to build a just world where all are fed is more urgent than ever. We can do so much more together than we can alone — will you join us?**



### Meet Daniel.

Daniel Budongo lives in rural Tanzania and has a small farm where he grows food for his wife and four children. Despite his hard work, his farm faced environmental changes and other challenges, and it wasn't producing enough to feed his family for more than a short time.

After joining a community loan group supported by ELCA World Hunger, Daniel was able to buy a motor-bike, build a simple retail shop and expand his family's farm. He also received the training and supplies he needed to start growing climate-resilient cassava.

"Now I have peace of mind," Daniel says. "My family has an assurance of sufficient food and other basic needs."


As a church, we respond to the call to "love not in word or speech but in deed and truth" (1 John 3:18).

ELCA World Hunger has over 50 years of expertise in the work to end hunger. This ministry is uniquely positioned to reach those in need through deep relationships with local communities, churches and programs in over 65 countries across the globe.

**GIVE NOW**

# March 2025

**1030A WORSHIP (Sanctuary/Online/  
Parking Lot)** - includes Children's GIFT  
Faith Experiences  
(Growing in Faith Together!)

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>2 Transfiguration Sunday/</b> *See box above</p> <p><b>1030P Rite of Confirmation!</b> After Services - Worship Helper Training 2P Graceworks Planning (Ebenezer) 4P Girl Scouts 5P Cristo Rey (carpool 415)</p>	<p>3 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout #737</p>	<p>4 <b>Shrove Tuesday</b> 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 5P Sr. Youth <b>530-640P Pancake Supper</b> <b>645P Burning of Palms</b> 7P Handbells</p>	<p>5 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 730-10A Ashes2Go (LS) 9-10A Ashes2Go (LkCaro.) 10A Preschool Bible Time 1030A Ladies Bible Study <b>12P Ash Wed. Worship</b> 12 "Streams of Light" Posted 330P Afterschool Bible Time 430-6P Ashes2Go (LS &amp; LC) 5P Hope Ministry Team 530P Choir <b>630P Ash Wed. Worship</b> 630P Sr Youth (LSLC)</p>	<p>6 11A Good News Team 330P Backpack Food Packing (LSCDC) 515P Disciples of Harmony 630P Recovery Comes First</p>	<p>7 <b>5-7P Lenten Fish Fry</b></p>	<p>8 930A Crafty Ladies</p>	<p><b>JuBellaion Workshop (Summerville), 3/7-3/8</b></p> 
<p><b>9 1st Sunday in Lent/</b> **Daylight Savings Time Begins** *See box above</p> <p>815 &amp; 1030 Pastor Carl Godspeed Blessing 920 "Cross-Reflection" Lenten Study 1.2-2P Pastor Carl Drop-In Reception 4P Girl Scouts</p>	<p>10 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Fellowship/Mutual Care 7P Boy Scout #737</p>	<p>11 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 530P Finance 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>12 830A LS Staff Meeting 10A Preschool Bible Time 1030A Pastor Bible Study <b>12P Lenten Worship</b> 12 "Streams of Light" Posted 330P Afterschool Bible Time 530P Choir <b>630P Lenten Worship</b> 630P Sr Youth (LSLC)</p>	<p>13 7A Men's Bible &amp; Biscuits 515P Disciples of Harmony 630P LSCDC Board 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	<p>14 <b>5-7P Lenten Fish Fry</b></p>	<p>15 2P HOA Meeting</p>	
<p><b>16 2nd Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>"Reflect God's Light...Beyond!" Kickoff <b>920 Cong. Gathering</b> <b>815 &amp; 1030 Kickoff Worship</b> 1.2P Jr. Youth Faith Formation 4P Girls Scouts</p>	<p>17 1030A Meals on Wheels 630P Worship Team 7P Exec Team 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737 (Court of Honor-Sanct/FH)</p>	<p>18 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>19 10A Preschool Bible Time 1030A Ladies Bible Study <b>12P Lenten Worship</b> 12 "Streams of Light" Posted 330P Afterschool Bible Time 530P Choir <b>630P Lenten Worship</b> 630P Sr Youth (LSLC)-Backpacks</p>	<p>20 4P Backpack Food Packing 515P Disciples of Harmony 630P Recovery Comes First 6P Justice Min. Board 7P Council Meeting Children's Hospital Meal</p>	<p>21 <b>5-7P Lenten Fish Fry</b></p>	<p>22 930A Crafty Ladies</p>	
<p><b>23 3rd Sunday in Lent</b> <b>(Justice Blessing / Camp Sunday)</b> *See box above</p> <p>920 "Cross-Reflection" Lenten Study After Services - Network Blessing After Services - Backpack Food Ministry 1.2P Confirmation Class 4P Girls Scouts</p>	<p>24 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>25 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Facilities 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>26 830A LS Staff Breakfast 10A Preschool Bible Time 1030A Ladies Bible Study <b>12P Lenten Worship</b> 12 "Streams of Light" Posted 330P Afterschool Bible Time 530P Choir <b>630P Lenten Worship</b> 630P Sr Youth (LSLC)</p>	<p>27 7A Men's Bible &amp; Biscuits 515P Disciples of Harmony 630P Recovery Comes First Celebration (F.Hall) Palmerito Place Meal</p>	<p>28 <b>5-7P Lenten Fish Fry (LCM Night!)</b></p>	<p>29 8A Men's Breakfast <b>8A-12P Spring WorkDay!</b></p>	
<p><b>30 4th Sunday in Lent/</b> <b>Campus Ministry Sunday</b> *See box above</p> <p>815 &amp; 1030 Welcome Pastor Jesse, LCM! 920 "Cross-Reflection" Lenten Study 4P Girls Scouts</p>	<p>31 1030A Meals on Wheels 7P Recovery Comes First 7P Boy Scout Troop #737</p>	<p>1 1030A Meals on Wheels 330P LSCDC Chapel 6P Adult Bible Study 7P Handbells</p>	<p>2 10A Preschool Bible Time 1030A Pastor Bible Study <b>12P Lenten Worship</b> 12 "Streams of Light" Posted 330P Afterschool Bible Time 530P Choir 6P Hope Ministry Team <b>630P Lenten Worship</b> 630P Sr Youth (LSLC)</p>	<p>3 11A Good News Team 330P Backpack Food Packing (LSCDC) 515P Disciples of Harmony 630P Recovery Comes First 7P Lifelong Discipleship</p>	<p>4 <b>5-7P Lenten Fish Fry</b></p>	<p>5 8A-12P Spring WorkDay (Rain Date)</p>	



## Birthdays, Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries

<b>March 1</b>	Meg Goldberg	<b>March 19</b>	Audrey Turnmire
<b>March 3</b>	Lauren Bloss Ruth Pollard	<b>March 20</b>	Nancy Schwind Henry Pittman
<b>March 4</b>	Brady Stoutland	<b>March 21</b>	Gay Walter
<b>March 5</b>	Laura Turnmire	<b>March 22</b>	Rogan Wallace
<b>March 7</b>	Bill Fox	<b>March 23</b>	Mallory Padgett
<b>March 11</b>	Courtney Murray Steve Dye	<b>March 24</b>	Retha Murray ♥ Lisa & John Petty
<b>March 12</b>	Steve Niemeyer	<b>March 25</b>	Luzv Hopwood
<b>March 13</b>	Gabriel Mason	<b>March 27</b>	LaTynia Taylor
<b>March 15</b>	Gwen Furcron	<b>March 29</b>	Cody Shannon
<b>March 17</b>	Kristen Mattson		



### Celebrate Your Baptism

Don't forget to check the bulletin to see if we will be celebrating your Baptismal Anniversary during this month's Sunday worship services. Immediately below the Gathering Music, there are printed the names of those who are celebrating a baptismal anniversary ***in that week***. When the gathering music begins, individuals can quietly come forward to meet Pastor Eric at the baptismal fountain. There, he will re-trace the cross with the water on your forehead and offer a special prayer of blessing for you (children may be accompanied by parents). There is nothing to be anxious about - everything is done quietly while the music is being played. For those who know only the month of your Baptism, you can join us on the first Sunday of the month (if you prefer some other Sunday, please let us know). **If you do not know your baptismal information, then please pick a month when you would like to celebrate this gift of God's grace in your life – and notify the office,** so that we can add you



to the celebration list (we'll simply mark the choice of your month with an asterisk). Even if you don't know the exact date, it's important to celebrate this special gift of God's grace in your life. Again, we encourage everyone to research your Baptismal date and find out as much information as you can – let us know if we can help!



<b>March 7</b>	Jean Weick	<b>March 21</b>	Alyssa Prest
<b>March 11</b>	Julia Bales	<b>March 23</b>	Walker Flores
<b>March 17</b>	Nancy Baldwin	<b>March 28</b>	Garrett Flores
<b>March 18</b>	Patricia Jolly Linda Hayes	<b>March 29</b>	Leslie Bloss Cathy Lowman

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